

CHANGE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Unified Sampling Form

10,210.1
Amend. 6

12/18/03

I. PURPOSE

In conjunction with FSIS Directive 10,240.4, Verification Procedures for the *Listeria monocytogenes*, Regulation and Microbial Sampling of Ready-to-Eat (RTE) Products for the FSIS Verification Testing Program, dated 10/2/03, this change transmittal issues instructions for two new projects for ready-to-eat microbiological verification sampling, and revises three current projects. It also cancels the project page for MM14, Cooked Species ID.

II. CANCELLATION

This transmittal is cancelled when contents have been incorporated into FSIS Directive 10,210.1.

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FILING INSTRUCTION

Remove Old Pages
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RTE Microbiology Verification Testing Program

PROJECT CODE AND NAME	ALLRTE – Random Verification Sampling of RTE Meat and Poultry Products
PRODUCT TO SAMPLE	<p>RANDOMLY select the product to sample from ALL RTE products produced at the establishment, with the exception of the following products: Lard, margarine, lard margarine, mixtures of rendered animal fats, popped pork skins, pork rinds, dried soup bases, concentrated (high salt content) soup mixes, pickled pig's feet, or product labeled "For Further Processing" in which the product is expected to receive a lethality treatment at another federally-inspected establishment. (9CFR430.4 still applies to these products if they are post-lethality exposed)</p> <p>NOTE: DO NOT sample the same lot of a product for both ALLRTE and RTERISK1.</p>
ANALYZED FOR	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> AND <i>Salmonella</i> . If product is a dry or semi-dry fermented sausage or fully cooked meat patties, it will also be analyzed for <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7.
SPECIAL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS	Randomly select a day, shift, and time within the sample collection time frame. Collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available.
SAMPLE REQUEST FORM	Fill out the form according to the instructions on pages 5 - 7 of this directive (FSIS Directive 10,210.1). Place the sample request form and a copy of the label in a plastic bag and place the plastic bag into the shipping container with the sample and seal per FSIS Directive 7355.1, rev. 2. If no sample is collected, complete Block 33 and mail the form to the laboratory listed in Block 9.
ESTABLISHMENT NOTIFICATION	Give establishment management sufficient notification of sampling so that the product represented by the sample may be held. Holding product is at the option of the establishment.
SPECIAL SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS	Ship AFTER product represented by the sample has passed pre-shipment review. Complete all requested information in block 28 of the sample request form. Identify sample and seal according to FSIS Directive 7,355.1, rev. 2. Ship refrigerated or frozen. Use sufficient frozen coolant to keep samples cold during transit. Ship samples Monday through Friday so that they arrive at the laboratory overnight. A sample box shipped on Fridays must have a Saturday Delivery sticker on it and Saturday delivery marked on the shipping label to avoid delivery delays and discarded samples. Do not ship samples on Saturdays or on the day before a Federal holiday.
REFERENCES	FSIS Directive 10,240.4; FSIS Directive 7355.1 Rev. 2

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PROJECT CODE AND NAME	RTERISK1 – Verification Sampling of RTE Meat and Poultry Products, By 10,240.4 Priority List
PRODUCT TO SAMPLE	<p>Select the product to sample according to the risk priority list in FSIS Directive 10,240.4, page 8, with the exception of the following products: Lard, margarine, lard margarine, mixtures of rendered animal fats, popped pork skins, pork rinds, dried soup bases, concentrated (high salt content) soup mixes, pickled pig's feet, or product labeled "For Further Processing" in which the product is expected to receive a lethality treatment at another federally-inspected establishment. (9CFR430.4 still applies to these products if they are post-lethality exposed.)</p> <p>NOTE: DO NOT sample the same lot of a product for both ALLRTE and RTERISK1.</p>
ANALYZED FOR	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> AND <i>Salmonella</i> . If product is a dry or semi-dry fermented sausage or fully cooked meat patties, it will also be analyzed for <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7.
SPECIAL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS	Randomly select a day, shift, and time within the sample collection time frame. Collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available.
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PROJECT CODE AND NAME	INTPROD - Intensified Sampling of Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
PRODUCT TO SAMPLE	As directed by District Office or Headquarters
ANALYZED FOR	As indicated in block 13 of FSIS Form 10,210-3
SPECIAL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS	Randomly collect one sample for each sample request form received, all from the same lot of product . For each sample, collect enough INTACT product so that at least TWO pounds of product are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. If an intact sample of the product is too large to submit to the laboratory, ask the establishment to slack fill or short weight a package to two pounds. If this is not possible, contact the laboratory to see if a larger shipping container is available. If not, submit the sample request form to the lab with block 33 marked code 53, other reason for non-collection, with the appropriate explanation. .
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PROJECT CODE AND NAME	INTCONT - Intensified Sampling of Food Contact Surfaces During the Production of Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
SAMPLE COLLECTOR	Personnel trained in environmental sampling
SAMPLE TO COLLECT	Swabs from surfaces of utensils or equipment with which exposed RTE product has direct contact (e.g. conveyor belts, knives, tabletops), that represent the conditions under which the sampled lot was processed.
ANALYZED FOR	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
SPECIAL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS	Collect one sample for each form received. Collect samples that represent the conditions under which the sampled product lot was produced. Collect samples during the production shift, not pre-operational, but without disrupting production, such as during breaks and at the end of a shift.
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PROJECT CODE AND NAME	INTENV - Intensified Sampling of Environmental Surfaces During the Production of Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
SAMPLE COLLECTOR	Personnel trained in environmental sampling
PRODUCT TO SAMPLE	Swab surfaces that have: indirect or potential contact with exposed RTE product in the RTE production area (e.g. mop handles or outer garments that may be handled by a person who may touch RTE product) or no contact (e.g. floors, drains, walls, overhead structures).
ANALYZED FOR	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
SPECIAL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS	Collect one sample for each form received. Collect samples that represent the conditions under which the sampled product lot was produced. Collect samples during the production shift, not pre-operational, but without disrupting production, such as during breaks and at the end of a shift.
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